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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6399

BILL NUMBER: SB 197

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 5, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Reentry Court Sentence Modification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a reentry court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a convicted person without the approval of the prosecuting attorney if more than 365 days have elapsed since the person began serving the sentence and the person has successfully completed a reentry court program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill could reduce expenditures for the Department of Correction if the sentences of some offenders are reduced or suspended by a court without the approval of the prosecuting attorney. Reducing or suspending a portion of an offender's sentence will reduce the offender's length of stay at a state correctional facility. The amount of cost savings will depend on the number of offenders released under the conditions specified in the bill and amount of time the term of incarceration is reduced.

Background: The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$18,582 in FY 2012. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the marginal cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$3,233.90 annually, or \$8.86 daily, per prisoner.

There are eight reentry courts in Indiana, including one each in Allen, Marion, LaPorte, Vanderburgh, Howard, Madison, Grant, and Lake Counties.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Reentry courts.

Information Sources: Indiana Judicial Center.

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